GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:251
ANSWERED ON:17.12.2004
IMPORT OF SCRAP METALS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the country is being made a dumping ground for all kinds of scrap metals which are imported freely;

(b) if so, the details of various scrap metals being imported and names of countries from where these are imported;

(c) whether the Government will reconsider and restrict such import to the minimum; and

(d) if so, the action taken thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI KAMAL NATH)

(a): No, Sir. Since there is a huge domestic shortage of scrap, the Indian Industry imports large quantities of scrap to meet its requirements. This includes both ferrous and non-ferrous scrap.

(b): The details of scrap imported into the country during the last three years, year-wise and country-wise, is available in the publication `Monthly Statistics of Foreign Trade of India, Vol.II (Imports)- Annual Number` published by the Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence & Statistics, which is available in the parliament Library.

(c) & (d):A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (c) & (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 251 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 17.12.2004 REGARDING IMPORT OF SCRAP METALS.

(c) & (d): After a series of Inter-Ministerial consultations the Government has laid down certain new guidelines and procedures for import of metallic scrap and waste. According to these procedures import of all kinds of metallic scrap and waste in unshredded, compressed or loose form will be accompanied by a pre-inspection certificate to the effect that the imported consignment does not contain any ammunition, or other explosive material or radio-active material irrespective of the source of such imports. Such imports will also be subject to stringent examination as per the procedures laid down by the Customs. Imports have also been restricted through 15 ports, only.